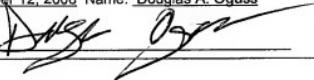


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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2008, applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response to December 18, 2008. Applicants have timely filed this Response electronically within the 2-month extension period. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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